

Congressman Allen West



**Town Hall Meeting
October, 2011**

Crunch Time

- 903 days without a budget
- Current Continuing Resolution expires November 18th
- Remaining days in session insufficient for the task ahead

112th CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION

HOUSE CALENDAR

ERIC CANTOR MAJORITY LEADER

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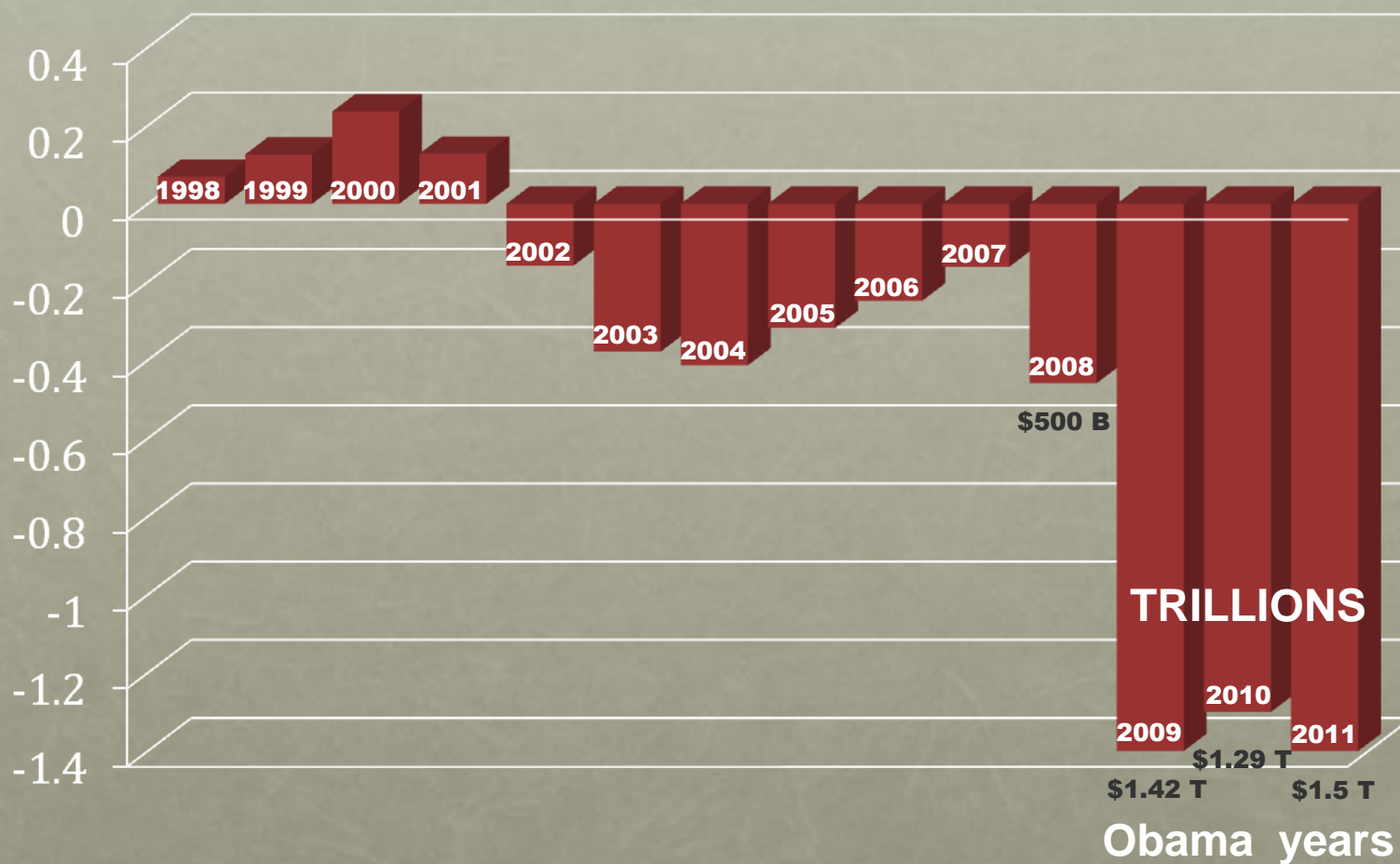
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We are faced with difficult times and difficult choices









- **41¢ on every \$1 is borrowed**
- **In other words, since July 27th
ALL spending is borrowed**
- **Debt to GDP ratio projected to
be 72% this year**



Plunging Deficits



Results of the President's Failed Economic Policies

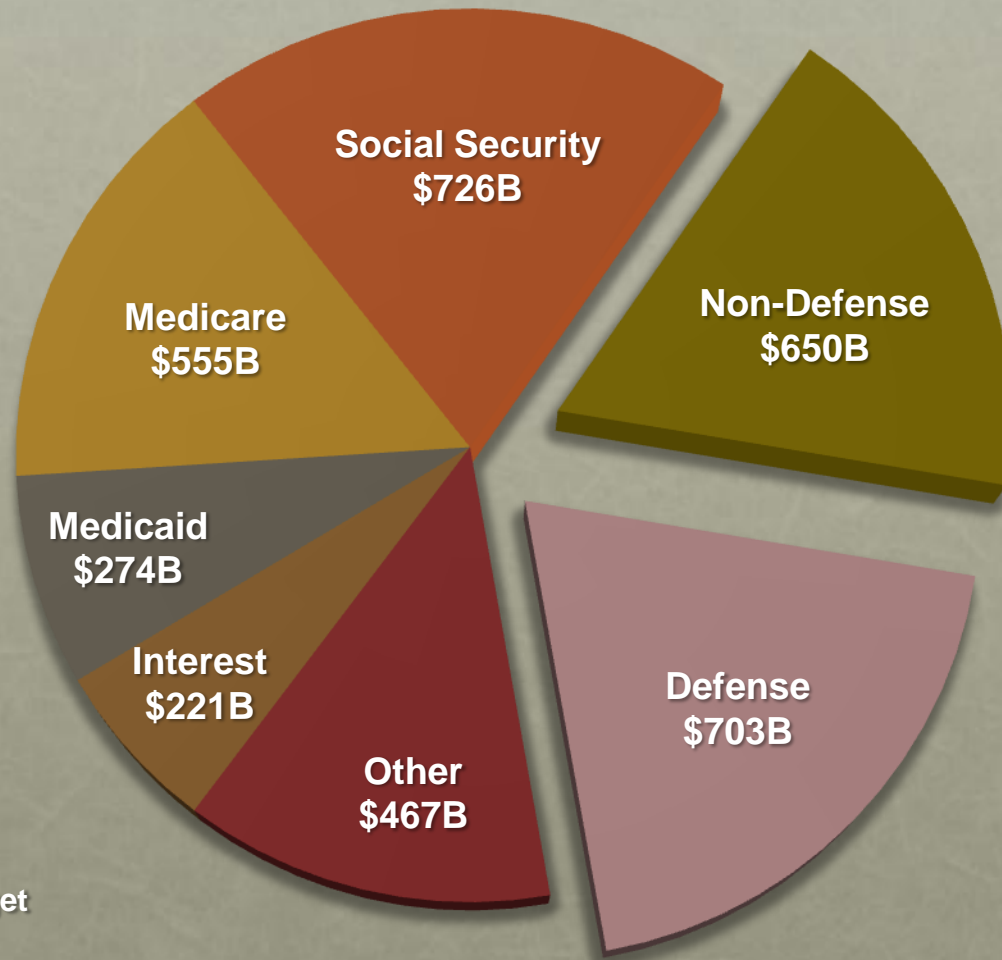
	"Inherited" January 2009	Today	Change	
Unemployed Americans	12 million	14 million		2 million
Unemployment rate	7.8%	9.1%		17%
Gas per gallon	\$1.85	\$3.43		85%
Federal debt	\$10.6 trillion	\$14.7 trillion		39%
Debt per person	\$34,731	\$47,047		\$12,316
Food stamp recipients	32 million	45 million		41%
Home values	\$193,400	\$172,600		11%
Americans in poverty	39.8 million	46.2 million		6.4 million

LIMITED BUDGET FLEXIBILITY

Fiscal Year 2011 - \$3.6 Trillion

Autopilot Spending

\$2.2 Trillion
62%



Discretionary Spending

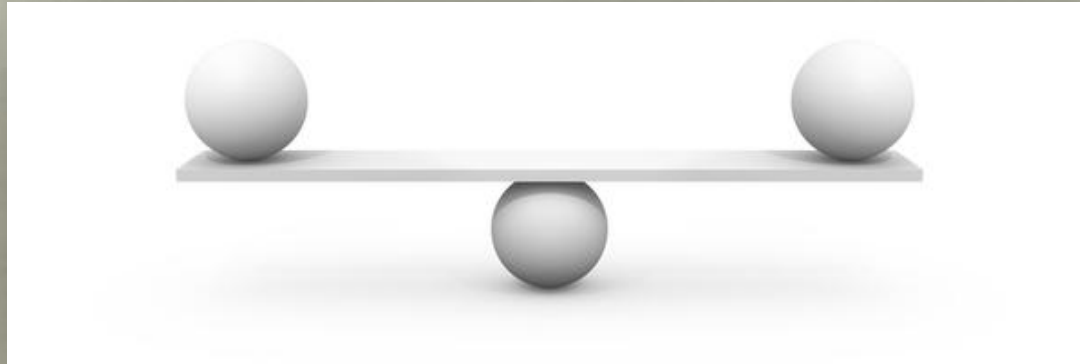
\$1.4 Trillion
38%

Short-term: choosing the lesser of evils

- **Another Continuing Resolution**
 - **Omnibus Bill**
- **Mini-appropriations bills**



Long Term Solution



Balanced Budget Amendment

"I wish it were possible to obtain a single amendment to our constitution; I would be willing to depend on that alone for the reduction of the administration of our government to the genuine principles of its constitution. I mean an additional article taking from the federal government the power of borrowing."

Thomas Jefferson

What is a fair share?



- Top 20% of wage-earning households already pay 84% federal tax revenue
- Only 0.17% of Americans make \$1 million+ a year
- Punitive tax will not make a dent in the deficit and will do nothing to create American jobs

Importance of Trade Agreements

- South Korea, Colombia, Panama passed after years of delay
- Every \$1 billion in exports generates 25,000 new jobs; estimated 250,000 in total
- Trade accounts for more than one out of every five jobs in America
- More than 61% of Florida exports to Colombia will now be duty-free
- Port Everglades is biggest exporter port in state of Florida



You must remember this

- The government cannot “create” wealth
- Higher taxes will not stimulate consumer spending
- No business owner will tell you they’re waiting for higher taxes to hire more people
- Japan tried 10 stimulus packages in the 1990s – all failed



WE MUST REMAIN VIGILANT

- Brazen plan by Iran to assassinate Saudi Ambassador using Mexican drug cartel killers on U.S. soil
- Iran and its protégés Hamas and Hezbollah represent significant threats to U.S. interests
- Continued pursuit of nuclear weapons, calls for eradication of Israel and interference in democracy movement in region must be stopped

The Washington Post
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U.S. says Iran plotted to kill Saudi envoy

TARGET IN D.C.; 1 SUSPECT A U.S. CITIZEN
DEA informant helped foil plan, officials say

BY JERRY MARKON
AND KAREN DEYOUNG

U.S. officials on Tuesday accused elements of the Iranian government of plotting to assassinate the Saudi ambassador to Washington, allegations that aggravated the tense relationship between the United States and the Islamic Republic.

The Justice Department unsealed charges against two Iranians — one of them a U.S. citizen — accusing them of orchestrating an elaborate murder-for-hire plot that targeted Adel al-Jubeir, the Saudi envoy to Washington and a key adviser to King Abdullah. The Iranians planned to employ Mexican drug traffickers to kill Jubeir with a bomb as he ate at a restaurant, U.S. officials said.

Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. said that “the United States is committed to holding Iran accountable for its actions,” but other officials indicated that it was not yet clear who in the Iranian government was behind the alleged plot.

“There’s a question of how high



Suspect's connections
Arbabsiar lives in U.S., had ties to Iranian military. **A11**

Jubeir said to be target
Saudi diplomat seen as unlikely prey for an assassin. **A10**

U.S. AND IRAN
Alleged scheme is oddity in long, hidden struggle

BY JOEY WARRICK
AND THOMAS ERDBRINK

The alleged plot to carry out an assassination on U.S. soil would represent, if proven, a significant escalation of a long-running co-

Stronger measures required

- President's current strategy invites aggression
- Need proportional military response against suitable, feasible and acceptable targets
- Must impose and enforce stronger sanctions
- Demonstrate credible threat
- Target public diplomacy to expose regime's human rights abuses



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